(b) whether Government are aware that there is no toilet, drinking water and adequate lighting arrangements in the platform; and

(c) if so, the action taken, so far, to provide passenger amenities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The daily average number of originating passengers at Bidhannagar railway station is about 22,670.

(b) Bidhannagar is a 'C' Category Station. The Station has been provided with 11 Nos. of Urinals and 2 Nos. of Toilets. 3 hand pumps are available for ensuring water supply. The Station is adequately illuminated by providing 55 Sodium Vapour and Flourescent lamps on all the platforms. As per norms adequate amenities have been provided.

(c) Does not arise.

New reservation rules

†1981. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new reservation rules of Railways have aggravated the problems of passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to avoid the problem of passengers travelling on waitlisted tickets in reserved coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Passengers boarding the trains with waitlisted tickets are accommodated to the extent of accommodation available.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.